

25 February 1952

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I am informed that, at present, you are giving about one week of each month to this work. It is not expected that you can continue to devote this much time to CIA and hold down a full time job as managing partner of J. H. Whitney and Company. I do hope and expect that you can henceforth set aside three or four days of each month to CIA. This, I know, will require a drastic curtailment of your hospital and other welfare activities in New York City and in New Jersey. It is, nevertheless, so clearly in the public interest for you to devote your spare time to the field you know best in a most critical period of intelligence operations and development, that I am confident the hospital and other welfare boards on which you serve will permit you to resign or grant you leave of absence. I certainly urge them to do so. I realize that this may appear a bit selfish, but it is selfishness in the interest of the United States, and this needs no apology.

Faithfully,

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letter from you to b/w/t~~

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